

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

The Newsletter and Bulletin of the Oratory of Saint Francis of Assisi

JULY 2023 – MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

BUT one of the soldiers with a spear opened his side, and immediately there came out blood and water. And he that saw it, hath given testimony, and his testimony is true. And he knoweth that he saith true; that you also may believe.

- S. John 19:34 – 35

THE pouring out of the Precious Blood from the Sacred Body of Our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST is part of the act of the immolation of the great, solemn and holy Sacrifice of the Cross. Our Holy Father Pope Clement VI (d. 1352) teaches us in his Bull *Unigenitus Dei Filius* (1343) that *the value of the Blood of Christ on account of Its union with the Λογος (the Word) is so great that one little drop would have sufficed for the redemption of the whole human race. As Blood of the Divine Logos the Blood of Jesus Christ is Precious Blood (cf. I Peter 1:19), the Great Price of our Redemption (I Corinthians 6:20), and in the same manner as the Body of Christ, nourishment for the supernatural life of the soul (cf. S. John 6:53 ff.).* The Holy Father's teaching is confirmed by the Holy Church: *Christ's Vicarious Atonement is superabundant, that is, the positive value of the expiation is greater than the negative value of the sin* (Sententia Communis).

In other words, we cannot sin great than God can love!

The pouring out of the Blood of Christ, like that of the Sacred Flesh of His Body, was an act to appease the offended majesty of God, and reopened the Gate of Heaven, for the Lord Himself teaches us that *I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh to the Father, but by Me* (S. John 14:6)!

How I wish the glorious feast of Our Blessed Lord's Precious Blood would always fall on a Sunday so that more faithful could adore His Sacrifice with their compulsory attendance...alas, we will have to wait until 2034 for that to next occur.



It is quite sorrowful that this glorious feast and devotion were removed from the NewChurch liturgical calendar in 1969 (the feast of *Corpus Christi*, the **Body of Christ**, was also changed to the **Body of the Lord** in order to downplay His Divinity), a blatant act of sacrilege and blasphemy.

But while this sinful and godless world falls down and worships itself, let us, the remnant faithful, cling to the Christ's One True Church and

the sureness of Our Glorious and Divine Saviour Jesus Christ!

Let us be confident in the words and teaching of Blessed Peter, *Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver, from your vain conversation of the tradition of your fathers: but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled* (I S. Peter 1:18 – 19)! And, finally, the sublime teach of the Apostle: *But Christ, being come an High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle not made with hand, that is, not of this creation: neither by the blood of goats, or of calves, but by His own Blood, entered once into the holies, having obtained Eternal Redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: how much more shall the Blood of Christ, Who by the Holy Ghost offered Himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the Living God* (Hebrews 9:11 – 14)?

Again, please keep in your prayers the intention of finding a permanent home for our Chapel.

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass.

I remain, in Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Monsignor: Recently I was told by a modern priest that abortion may be tolerated in cases of rape, incest or if the mother's life is in danger. I have been trying to confirm this online but have not been successful – do you have that citation? In Our Lady,
Anonymous

A: I am sorry to let you know, but this “priest” is a complete liar; even in the modern “Canon Law” and “Catechism” of the NewChurch it is still forbidden to procure the murder of an unborn child. However, the heretical non-Catholic sect of “Vatican II” has frequently had one thing in their teaching and laws but in practice do and approve the contrary.

There are no circumstances, even those so heinous and diabolical in nature, that can allow the willful murder of an innocent child.

If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail:
info@stfrancisoratory.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially for Miss Alyssa Smith, Miss Erica Chapman, Mr. Charles E. McClusky, Mrs. Diane Powers, Mr. Paul Howard, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr.

Vern Fenimore†, Mr. Chris Hundt† and Mrs. Angela Calderon†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*

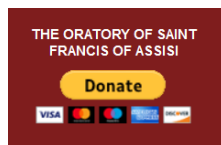


Real Men Kneel at Holy Mass!

HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

DONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent online (be sure to select *donation* and not payment) or you can always be sent to our Post Office Box:

St. Francis of Assisi
PO Box 8469
Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469



The normal stipend for a Mass Intention is \$20.00. Please be sure to include the person's name (w/Mr., Mrs. or Miss) and if they are living or deceased. Also, be sure to indicate if you wish a **Mass Card** to be sent to that person or their family.

Your continued support is appreciated and quite needed to continue our mission of offer the true and traditional Latin Mass of the Holy Catholic Church. The true Mass and Faith are ours to protect, defend and support!

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2023

15 August 2023 (Tuesday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 November 2023 (Wednesday)
Feast of All Saints

8 December 2023 (Friday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

25 December 2023 (Monday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

SUNDAYS OF JULY: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

In order to properly assist the faithful following Holy Mass with their hand missals here are the Sunday Masses for March:

2 July 2023:

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Commemoration of the *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost* and *Ss. Processus & Martinian* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

9 July 2023:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Commemoration of the *Suffrage of the Saints* and *Against the Persecutors of the Church* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

16 July 2023:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *Our Lady of Mount Carmel* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

23 July 2023:

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Commemoration of *S. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr* and *S. Liborius, Bishop* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

30 July 2023:

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *Ss. Abdon & Sennen* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

To correctly participate at Holy Mass one *silently* unites his prayers with those of the Church through pious and attentive meditation of the prayers and reading of Holy Mass.

If you are unsure how to correctly set your hand missal arrive early for Holy Mass and ask the Monsignor to assist you. It is also important to become familiar with the *Ordinary of the Mass*, those parts that never change, i.e.: Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Benedictus, and the Agnus Dei. And of course the Canon of the Mass, and the *Propers of the Mass*, those which vary according to the feasts of the day, i.e., Introit, Collect(s)(after the Gloria or Dominus Vobiscum), Epistle, Gradual, Alleluia, Tract or Sequence, Gospel, Secret, Communion Verse and Post Communion. On many feasts or days there are *Commemorations* (additional prayers) at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion. The careful attention to these prayers and readings will help one enter into a deeper spiritual relationship with the Holy Liturgy, the Saints and Mysteries of God.



The Hidden Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am

(please call or email for current Mass time and location)

(818) 786-2540

e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:

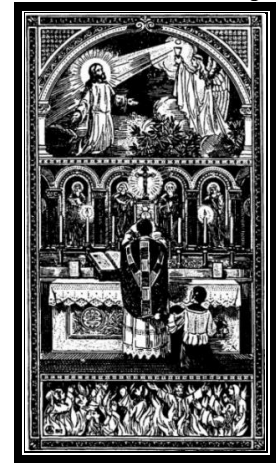
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N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:

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✿**Saint Francis Chapel** is staffed by the **Priestly Society of Christ the King (SSCR)**; properly trained and ordained Roman Catholic Priests who are faithful to the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. *Saint Francis is not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.* Our Holy Fathers, the Popes, most especially Saint Pope Pius V in His infallible decree *Quo Primum*, have given their permission in perpetuity to offer the Traditional Latin Mass (*Missal of S. Pope Pius V* and rubrics of *S. Pope Pius X*).



MASS GUILD

HOLY MASS is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com

www.traditioninaction.com

www.traditionalmass.org

N.B.: Recommendation of a website is for information and does not constitute association with or full agreement of opinions or positions.

PETER SPEAKS:



AS to the "medical and therapeutic indication" to which, using their own words, we have made reference, Venerable Brethren, however much we may pity the mother whose health and even life is gravely imperiled in the performance of the duty allotted to her by nature, nevertheless what could ever be a sufficient reason for excusing in any way the direct murder of the innocent? This is precisely what we are dealing with here. Whether inflicted upon the mother or upon the child, it is against the precept of God and the law of nature: "*Thou shalt not kill*" (Exodus 20:13). The life of each is equally sacred, and no

one has the power, not even the public authority, to destroy it (*Casti Connubii*, no. 64, 3 December 1930, Pope Pius XI).



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF CHRIST THE KING!

All are invited to join the **Knights of Christ the King** every First Saturday to attend Holy Mass and then pray the Holy Rosary at **FPA Women's Health** located at 10200 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills CA 91345 at 10:00 am.

PENTECOST BAPTISM

The Solemnity is also an appropriate day for Holy Baptism, most especially the **Vigil of Pentecost**. This year we Baptised young **Roman Alexander** here in our *Hidden Oratory*. The faithful in attendance rejoiced at a new generation of faithful Catholics; please keep young

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Roman Alexander and all who have been received into Christ's Mystical Body, the Holy Catholic Church, they have come into her at the time of martyrs and recusant faithful!

